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I. Introduction

1. This document maps cooperation arrangements under the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) sub-programme on trade during 2017. The first part provides an overview of collaborative efforts with development partners, while the second features a detailed account of the areas and cooperation mechanisms underpinning these efforts.

2. Sections implemented by the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) are for information only.

Part One

II. Agricultural Quality Standards

3. ECE continues to pool efforts with the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in implementing the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project for strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains.[1] In September 2017, ECE and ESCAP

[1] The project was launched in September 2014 to strengthen national capacities for using international best practices, tools and instruments as well as developing integrated strategies for facilitating cross-border agri-food trade

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organized the first cross-regional Workshop on promoting cross-border trade of meat and electronic certification in Nanjing and Tianjin, China to assist private and public sector stakeholders in implementing ECE agricultural quality standards as well as electronic certification to facilitate and enhance the sustainable trade in meat.

4. ECE continued to work closely with the European Commission to maintain the complete harmonization of marketing standards with ECE standards. It also cooperated with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables to facilitate the common interpretation of ECE standards and their application in international trade. It also cooperates with the Codex Alimentarius Committees on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and on Processed Fruits and Vegetables in developing commercial quality standards and maintaining existing standards.

5. ECE is working closely with UN countries teams in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. It has organized jointly with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and donor agencies a cross-border workshop on fresh fruit and vegetables in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and a workshop and practical training on meat markets (Dublin, Ireland). UNDP also helped with the organization of the Farmers' Market on ECE's 70th anniversary to promote and display production and it relation to ECE standards. The country teams were also vital in disseminating and promoting UNECE's work in this area to substantiate their work on the ground. It also organized joint activities with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Rooting for Sustainable Food and the Reduction of Food Loss (November 2017). .

6. Cooperation is on-going with ITC on the dissemination and development of training material for sustainable trade of agricultural produce as well as with the WTO Standards and Trade Development Facility (WTO STDF) in the areas of meat standards, traceability and food safety.

7. Cooperation has also started with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on the cross-regional use of methodologies for the analysis of documentary and procedural gaps in their agricultural trade with ECE countries and among themselves, the development of domestic and export market built on safe and quality food and the use of the WP.7's work in this area.

III. Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

A. Cooperation with the International Organizations

8. Through the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6), ECE is a permanent observer at the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT). ECE participated in all the meetings and provides the Committee with updates on its activities and the emerging needs of ECE member States. The WTO Secretariat has also taken part in several of the annual sessions and events of the Working Party.

9. As part of its cooperation with OECD, ECE participated in the fourth Meeting of International Organisations on partnership on for effective international rule-making in April 2017 in Paris, as well as in the brainstorming session of the core group of the Partnership in November 2017.

10. WP.6 collaborated with International Trade Centre (ITC) in the area of gender-responsive standards initiative. The first meeting took place in April 2017 at ITC headquarters in Geneva. Further cooperation is planned with ITC programme "Trade for

Sustainable Development – I4SD' in reviewing its database of voluntary sustainability standards to improve its criteria related to gender equality.

11. ECE works closely with United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) to promote the implementation of international standards for supporting the reduction of disaster risks. The secretary of the Working Party acts as the focal point for Disaster Risk Reduction, and advocates the use of ECE best practice guidelines and recommendations to support the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. ECE co-organised with UNISDR a round-table on SDG 11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities" during the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region in March 2018.

12. ECE is also cooperating with United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The secretary of SCTCS took part of the Expert Meeting on Voluntary Sustainability Standards, Market Access and Trade-led Sustainable development in September 2017 as discussant. ECE also collaborated with UNCTAD Consultative Group on Enterprise Reporting and the Sustainable Development Goals (ISAR) on core indicators for enterprise reporting on the SDGs.

13. The ECE contributed to the work of the E15 Initiative – a joint initiative of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the World Economic Forum (WEF) – and in particular the Task Force on "Regulatory Coherence".

B. Partnerships with regional organizations

14. The European Commission (EC) participated in WP.6 meetings, and contributed to ECE work on equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere. The Commission also participated in the ECE activities in support of market surveillance and inspections.

15. The International Model on Regulatory Harmonization, as contained in the UNECE WP.6 Recommendation L, was used extensively by the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification (EASC).

C. Cooperation with standard setting and quality infrastructure organizations

(a) Standardization policies

16. ECE participated at the ISO Annual Session of 2017 and worked with the World Standards Cooperation (WSC), which supports high-level collaboration between the IEC, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

17. A number of standardization organizations take part in the Annual Session of WP.6, including among others, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), European Committee for Standardization (CEN), European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), Global Standards One (GS1), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), ISO, International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISEAL), ITU and World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

18. WP.6 sectoral initiative on "equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere" benefits from partnerships with IEC and its System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmosphere (IECEx) with the

support of the German government through the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB). A UNECE-IECEx Workshop took place in April 2017 in Shanghai, China and an International Conference of IECEx in cooperation with UNECE will take place in April 2018 in Split, Croatia.

19. The WP.6 Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) is also built on a partnership with standard-setting bodies, in particular, with the ISO Technical Committee (TC) 262 on Risk Management.

20. IEC and ISO are also close partners for the Working Party's activities in the area of conformity assessment, specifically, through the IEC Conformity Assessment Board, the IEC Conformity Assessment Systems and the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (ISO CASCO). In addition, WP.6 is a member of the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group (STAR), which provides strategic advice to the CASCO Committee of ISO. A new sectoral initiative on cybersecurity was approved at the 27th Plenary Session of WP.6 in cooperation with IEC in November 2017.

(b) Metrology and other areas of the national and international system of quality infrastructure

21. WP.6 works in partnership with national, regional and international institutions including: the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC), International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), International Committee for Legal Metrology (CIML), ISO, ITU and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

22. Since 2010, the Working Party has been a member of the "International Network on Quality Infrastructure" (previously Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries (DCMAS)), which includes: BIPM, CIPM, International Accreditation Forum (IAF), IEC, ILAC, OIML, International Committee for Legal Metrology (CIML), ISO, ITU and UNIDO.

IV. Trade Facilitation

23. ECE is part of the United Nations Inter-Agency cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity. The cluster, which is led by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), was established in 2007 to create synergies between productive capacity-building and trade development under the United Nations "Delivering as One" initiative.

24. ECE also participates in the Joint United Nations Regional Commissions (UNRCs) Approach on Trade Facilitation, launched in January 2010 by the five UN Regional Commissions. In 2017, the ECE and its sister regional commissions launched the second Global Survey conducted, which covered 120 countries. The results were presented at UNRCs joint events during the World Trade Organization (WTO) Aid for Trade Global Review, held in Geneva (July 2017), and the 11th WTO Ministerial in Buenos Aires, Argentina (December 2017).

25. As a member of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade (GFPT)[2] ECE contributed to the organisation of GFP Steering Committee meeting, held in Geneva, Switzerland on 19-20 January 2017.

26. In 2017, ECE joined UNCTAD's multi-stakeholder initiative "eTrade for All", which now brings together 22 international organizations to support the developing countries trade development efforts. Events in 2017 include the "E-Commerce and Trade Logistics: New Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions for International Transport and Trade Facilitation" that was jointly organized with UNCTAD, the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the World Customs Organization (WCO).

27. ECE remains dedicated to assist member states with their obligations under the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. During 2017, ECE supported UNCTAD Empowerment Programme for National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFCs) in Cameroon, Gabon and Benin (May and August 2017).

28. ECE has also signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Asia Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (AFACT) in April 2017. It is currently working on a joint project with ITC and the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) to develop a traceability framework in the garment sector.

29. ECE has been cooperating with several European Commission Directorate Generals (DGs) over the past years. In 2017, ECE participated in the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG-MOVE) Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF) sub-group workshops, which looked into the documentary requirements in transport and logistics and their dematerialization. DG-MOVE was invited to present their work at the fourth UNECE Single Window Conference. Moreover, the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG-MARE) has been actively engaging with the work of the ECE Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries.

30. ECE cooperated with the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) and organized several joint events such as the conference on Single Window implementation in Moscow in December 2017, and a series of workshops for training trade agencies on supply chain management, simplification of import and exports procedures.

31. The Parties to the Electronic Business Memorandum of Understanding (eBMoU) signed between the UNECE, the International Standards Organization (ISO), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Committee have met in November 2017, December 2017 and January 2018.

32. ECE supported ISO Technical Committees (TCs) Category-A liaisons, including ISO TC 154 (Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration), ISO TC 204 (Intelligent Transport Systems), ISO TC 307 (Blockchain) and ISO TC 308 (Chain of Custody). This completes the Category-A liaison already established with ISO PC 295 (Audit data collection) and the Category-B liaison with ISO TC 68 (Financial services). ECE also worked with ISO TC 154 on UN/EDIFACT syntax and the United Nations Trade Data Element Dictionary (UNTDED).

[2] GFP is an alliance of national and international organizations involved in supporting trade and transport facilitation. Its members include the World Bank, International Chambers of Commerce (ICC), International Trade Centre (ITC), OECD, UNCTAD, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNIDO and the World Customs Organization (WCO). Further details are available at http://www.gfptt.org/partners for the full list.

Part Two

Cooperation with other organizations: summary table

Organization	*Mechanisms for cooperation*	*Current cooperation*
Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC)	UNECE-BSEC MoU	Assisted BSEC in developing a regional trade facilitation strategy. The strategy was submitted in October 2017 for the approval of BSEC Member States.
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology (EASC) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	Representatives of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology (EASC) participate regularly in WP.6 meetings.	- Participate in WP.6 meetings and use WP.6 International Model on Regulatory Harmonization
European Commission (EC)	The EC participates in the ECE activities related to market surveillance, regulatory cooperation and risk management.	The EC participates in all the annual sessions of WP.6, providing input into the work and updates on its own activities. The EC contributed to and expressed appreciation for the ECE work in the sector of equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere, which it regards as international best practice. The Commission also continues to participate in the ECE activities on market surveillance and inspections, where the ECE has become the platform for the exchange of expertise between the EU and other member states. The European Commission was an active partner in the work of Group of Experts on risk management in regulatory framework. The EC also closely cooperates with and attends the annual meetings of WP.7 and its Specialized Sections.
	The ECE contributes to Working Group on Single Window implementation, led by EC's DG TAXUD	The ECE participates as a contributor to the Working Group on Single Window implementation, led by EC's DG TAXUD
European Union (EU) DG MOVE	ECE ITS is an observer in the DTLF, Digital Transport and Logistics Forum	ECE ITS has participated in three face to face meetings of the DTLF in 2017 and contributed to the development of their sub-group 1 paper on digital transport documents.
European Union (EU) DG TAXUD	DG TAXUD organizes regular meetings of the Member States' Single Window Implementation group	ECE supported Single Window Implementation Group and contributed directly to the debates and reflexions.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Blockchain project Team of Specialists on	FAO participated in the UN/CEFACT Conference on Blockchain, contributing to the directions that a future White Paper on the subject will take.

Organization	*Mechanisms for cooperation*	*Current cooperation*
	Sustainable Fishery	FAO is active in the Team of Specialist on Sustainable Fisheries.
	Joint workshops.	
Codex Alimentarius Commission		ECE standards are circulated to Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables and the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
International Air Transport Association (IATA).	ECE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their support to developing countries seeking to implement the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement.	Joint promotion of the use of international recommendations and standards and best practices in Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business;
		Joint outreach activities to support countries in their implementation of such recommendation and standards - subject to available resources.
		ECE TFS participated in meetings of the IATA group on location codes, further promoting the convergence of the IATA airport codes and UN Location Codes for Trade and Transport (UN/LOCODE) which is widely used by all other means of transport and administrations.
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Memorandum of Understanding between ECE and ICC	Participation in the trade facilitation Working Group of UN CEFACT.
	Cooperation with ICC-Ukraine	Support for trade facilitation in Ukraine, notably through the Interagency Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Logistics of Ukraine, chaired by ICC-Ukraine.
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	Memorandum of Understanding between ECE, IEC, ISO and ITU.	Ongoing cooperation and coordination between the secretariats.
		Each organization acts as secretary to the MoU Management Group on a rotating basis.
		Management meetings twice a year between the secretariats, the expert groups and international user groups.
		Summit meetings by the Memorandum of Understanding Management group on coordination and standardization issues.
		Ongoing cooperation and coordination between the secretariats.
		Each organization acts as secretary to the MoU Management Group on a rotating basis.
		Management meetings twice a year in 2017 between the secretariats, the expert groups and international user groups.
		Several meetings between the signatory organizations

Organization	*Mechanisms for cooperation*	*Current cooperation*
		in order to study how best to optimize this MoU.
International Trade Centre (ITC)	ECE, UNCTAD and ITC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 22 April 2005 for delivering coordinated outreach and support activities to help the developing countries implement the WTO ATF	ITC collaborates with ECE on the dissemination and development of training material on trade facilitation and on the dissemination of ECE agricultural quality standards. Cooperation in the organization of joint events Several joint projects underway.
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) TC 31, the IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmosphere (IECEx); and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)	Partnership for preparing and implementing a common regulatory framework in the sector of "equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere"	IECEx organises yearly international conferences in collaboration of UNECE. IECEx and PTB participate in Plenary Sessions of WP.6 WP.6 is working on a new initiative on cybersecurity in cooperation with IEC.
International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (See also ISO Technical Committees 127, 154, 262, 292 and IEC, ITU and ISO)	Memorandum of Understanding between IEC, ISO, ITU and ECE.	ISO attends all WP.6 meetings and annual seminars as well as UN/CEFACT sessions TC 127 contributes to the WP.6 sectoral regulatory project "Earth-Moving Machinery Initiative".
	Electronic Business Memorandum of Understanding between IEC, ISO, ITU and ECE	ECE TFS is the representing ECE within the eB-MoU ISO attends all UN/CEFACT sessions ECE TFS is a voting member in the ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency (alpha-2 country code)
ISO Technical Committee 154 (See also ISO and IEC, ITU and ISO)	Regular Working Group Meetings Annual Plenary meetings The MoU for ECE to be Secretary of an ISO Technical Committee is unique of its kind.	ECE is member of the joint maintenance agency of the ISO 7372 Standard (Trade Data Element Directory).
ISO Technical Committee 68 on Financial Services	Category B liaison	ECE TFS maintains a Category B liaison with ISO TC 68, sharing information on ongoing work and avoiding unnecessary overlaps. Active participation in ISO TC 68 meetings.
ISO Technical Committee 154 on Processes, data elements and documents in commerce, industry and administration	Category A liaison	ECE TFS maintains a Category A liaison with ISO TC 154, ensuring compatibility of standards and avoiding unnecessary overlaps. ECE is member of the joint maintenance agency of the ISO 7372 Standard (Trade Data Element Directory). ECE is a member of the joint working group for ISO

Organization	*Mechanisms for cooperation*	*Current cooperation*
		9735 Standard (EDIFACT application level syntax rules)
		Active participation in ISO TC 154 meetings.
ISO Technical Committee 204 on Intelligent Transport Systems	Category A liaison	ECE TFS maintains a Category A liaison with ISO TC 204, aiming to ensure compatibility of standards and avoiding unnecessary overlaps.
		Participation in each other's meetings.
ISO Project Committee 295 on Audit data collection	Category A liaison	ECE TFS maintains a Category A liaison with ISO PC 295, aiming to ensure compatibility of standards and avoiding unnecessary overlaps.
		Encouraging this newly founded group to reuse the base standards which have already been developed in this field instead of creating new ones.
		Active participation in ISO PC 295 meetings.
ISO TC 307 on Blockchain technologies	Category A liaison	ECE TFS maintains a Category A liaison with ISO TC 307, aiming to ensure compatibility of standards and avoiding unnecessary overlaps.
		Provided a good deal of background information and technical examples to the development of ISO TC 307 work.
		Active participation in ISO TC 307 meetings.
ISO Technical Committee 262 on Risk Management	The Chairperson of the ISO TC 262 in 2016 is also chairing the Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Cooperation (GRM) of WP.6	Regular coordination, information exchange and activities in the area of risk management with substantial support to GRM.
ISO Technical Committee 292 on Security and Resilience	The Head of Regulatory Cooperation Unit of UNECE is co-Convener of the UN Task Force of TC 292. This Task Force has been established to explore opportunities within the area of disaster risk reduction and supporting implementation of various of frameworks and programs developed by the United Nations.	Regular coordination of information exchange and activities within the area of disaster risk reduction and supporting implementation of various of frameworks and programs developed by the United Nations by the Head of Regulatory Cooperation Unit of ECE.
The Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation	All these organizations attend the meetings of the "International Network on Quality Infrastructure" (previously "Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries" (DCMAS)). The Bureau International des	WP.6 is part of the "International Network on Quality Infrastructure" BIPM is evaluating a possible use of the Recommendation L in the field of legal metrology. WP. 6 works closely with IEC, its Conformity Assessment Board and its three Conformity Assessment Systems (IECEE, IECEx and IECQ) and its TC 31 on the project "Equipment for explosive

Organization	*Mechanisms for cooperation*	*Current cooperation*
(ILAC), International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), International Committee for Legal Metrology (CIML), ISO, ITU and UNIDO	Poids et Mesures (BIPM) participates actively in the meetings of the WP. 6.	atmospheres.
	A number of standards-making bodies, including CEN, CENELEC, GSI, IEC, ISO and ITU, take part regularly in the annual session of WP. 6 and provide updates on their activities, and contribute throughout the year to the progress of these activities.	The IECEE attended several ECE meetings and participates in the work of the Group of Experts on Risk Management. The ECE secretariat attends and gives presentations or updates on the WP. 6 activities in the context of ISO/CASCO. A partnership has been established with the ISO Committee on Consumer Policies (COPOLCO).
	The secretariat also is invited to attend meetings of national, regional and international standards-making bodies.	
Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) and the CIS Inter-State Council on Standardization, Metrology and Certification (EASC)	Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) is a coordinating body of the ministries of communications of 12 CIS states, with a secretariat in Moscow.	RCC participates in UN/CEFACT Plenaries and Forums. RCC's representatives are leading the UN/CEFACT project for the preparation of a Recommendation for ensuring legally significant trusted transboundary electronic interaction.
	CIS Inter-State Council on Standardization, Metrology and Certification is one of the effective, functioning inter-regional CIS organizations/bodies that unites standardization bodies from all 12 CIS member states.	
The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)	The Vice-Chairman of the WP.6 is also the Minister of Technical Regulations of EEC	There are regular contacts and information exchange between WP.6 and EEC on best practices in the area of regulatory cooperation.
	UNECE-EEC MoU with attached Programme of Action	Following up on a long-standing cooperation on trade facilitation and the Single Window with the Customs law department of the EEC we carried out capacity-building on Single Window in the digital economy.
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	The two organizations regularly exchange information through their secretariats and attend each other's meetings when possible.	WP. 6 secretariat prepared a case study based on the OECD is methodology to review International Regulatory Cooperation activities carried out under the umbrella of the ECE. The study was published in November 2016 as an OECD booklet and was presented to the OECD member states.
		UNECE cooperates with OECD in organising Annual Meetings of International Organisations: A partnership for effective international rule-making.
	Joint meetings	Active participation in OECD conferences and meetings (e.g. OECD Due Diligence Forum 2018)

Organization	*Mechanisms for cooperation*	*Current cooperation*
OECD Scheme for the application of international standards for fruit and vegetables	Meeting schedules are set up in coordination between secretaries and secretariats actively participate in each other's relevant meetings. Joint organization of capacity-building events.	OECD adopts ECE standards. The ECE and the OECD work closely on updating and interpreting the standards.
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)	Contributions to analytical work	ECE contributes to trade-related parts of reviews and activities under the OSCE economic dimension, drawing on the recommendations emerging from the studies on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade and the work of the Trade Sub-Programme as a whole.
	Joint activity	ECE has worked with OSCE on training courses in Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Belarus.
Regional Commissions of the United Nations	Meetings Joint projects	Coordination meetings with all four regional commissions on trade and on trade facilitation UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) other regional commissions in implementing the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) projects: on Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains. ECE and UNESCAP support actively the UN activities with the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).
	Collaboration on trade facilitation in common member States and joint support for the SPECA Programme	ECE Regional Adviser collaborated in the preparation and will collaborate on the future implementation of the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) 11th tranche and a Russian financed project for trade facilitation in the transition economies.
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	ECE, UNCTAD and ITC have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for delivering coordinated outreach and support activities to help the developing countries implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).	ECE and UNCTAD cooperate closely on providing support to countries in the implementation of the WTO TFA. This includes participation in each other's workshops on the topic.
		ECE is collaborating with UNCTAD in the delivery of training in the area of trade facilitation.
	ECE is also a signatory to a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership (GFP) since 2005. It is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), OECD and the International Road	Joint activities and participation in each other's meetings, seminars and forums, joint organization of seminars and mutual contribution to projects. UNCTAD high-level representative opened the 27th Plenary Session of WP.6

Organization	Mechanisms for cooperation	Current cooperation
	Transport Union (IRU).	
	In compliance with an MoU among UNECE, UNCTAD and ITC on the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement we assist the countries assess their readiness and implement the TFA	The ECE Regional Adviser in Trade collaborated with UNCTAD and GIZ in 2017 on an assessment of the readiness of Azerbaijan to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Meeting schedules are set up in coordination between secretariats. Joint organization of capacity-building events.	Joint training and capacity-building activities in Central Asia to improve the countries integration into international agricultural supply chains. This includes organization of workshops, conducting studies, consultations, and development of training material
	Work plans coordinated with the country UNDP offices, UN country teams and with the UNDP regional hub in Istanbul.	UNDP participates and provides support for trade facilitation capacity-building activities and for SPECA activities. UNDP participated with a keynote presentation on trade and the SDGs at the 2017 meeting of the SPECA Working Group on Trade.
UNEP	Meetings	Active participation in UN/CEFACT conferences and meetings (e.g. Conference on Transparency in Sustainable Textile Vlaue Chains June and October 2017)
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	UNIDO is a member of the GFP	Participation in joint meetings on trade facilitation implementation.
	UNIDO is a member of the "International Network on Quality	UNIDO participates in WP.6 sessions.
	Infrastructure"	
	(previously DCMAS network)	
UN Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity (UNCTAD, UNIDO, FAO, ILO, UNECTRAL, ITC, WTO, UNDP, the five Regional Commissions, UNEP and UNOPS)	The members of the Cluster provide assistance in building the capacity in the areas of trade and productive policies, in particular in supply side capacity; export capacity; capacity to implement trade and trade related rules; disputes settlement capacity; negotiating capacity; as well as in research and analysis.	The Cluster designs and implements joint programmes. ECE has been involved in activities undertaken in its member countries.
United Nations United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)	The ECE Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) participates in UNISDR activities	GRM participated in coordinating UN contribution to the implementation of the "Sendai Framework for Action" as agreed at the Third WCDRR in ISO TC 292. ECE co-organised with UNISDR a round-table on SDG11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities" during the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for UNECE Region in March 2018.
	ECE works closely with UNISDR to promote the	

Organization	Mechanisms for cooperation	Areas of cooperation
	implementation of international standards as a tool for the reduction of disaster risks	
World Customs Organization (WCO)	ECE-WCO MoU signed in 2001	WCO participates in UN/CEFACT meetings and expert groups
	ECE signed a MoU with GFP in March 2005. ECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU	WCO contributes to ECE work on the Supply Chain Model
		WCO contributes to ECE work on Single Window
World Bank (WB)	The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an informal inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and ECE	ECE participates actively in and contributes substantial materials to the GFP website
	ECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. ECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU	WB participates in the trade and transport facilitation PDA of UN/CEFACT meetings
	Support by WB to a variety of ECE capacity-building activities and reciprocal support from the ECE to WB goals and objectives, particularly in the area of trade and transport facilitation	WB has selected the ECE Single Window Recommendation as the base for its projects in this area
World Trade Organization (WTO)	The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and ECE	WTO representatives regularly attend meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards
	ECE and WTO staff meet regularly outside the inter-agency group	ECE works with WTO on the implementation of Trade Facilitation Agreement in transition countries
	Through WP.6, the ECE is a permanent observer at the WTO TBT. The WP. 6 participated in all the meetings of the WTO TBT and provided updates on each activity at each of them	Through WP.6, ECE is a permanent observer at the WTO Committee on TBT
		ECE Trade Division attends some WTO committee sessions (as representative of the regional commissions of the United Nations)
		WTO representatives regularly attend the trade facilitation group of UN/CEFACT meetings
		ECE works with WTO on the implementation of Trade Facilitation Agreement in transition countries
		ECE Trade Division attends some WTO committee sessions (as representative of the regional commissions

Organization	Mechanism for cooperation	Current cooperation
		of the United Nations). WTO attends the trade facilitation group of UN/CEFACT meetings. The WTO's Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) collaborates with ECE on the dissemination and development of training material for sustainable trade of agricultural products.